Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3 Offered by Rep. Wenstrup of Ohio

The amendment would require hospitals to pass along savings from the 340B program directly to consumers to help lower their out-of-pocket costs for drugs.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. Wenstrup

Add at the end the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS

2	SEC. 601. TREATMENT OF COST-SHARING FOR CERTAIN
3	340B DRUGS.
4	Section 1833(t)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
5	U.S.C. 1395l(t)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the
6	following new subparagraph:
7	"(H) Cost-sharing for certain
8	DRUGS.—
9	"(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
10	any other provision of this subsection, in
11	the case of an applicable covered out-
12	patient drug (as defined in clause (ii)) fur-
13	nished on or after January 1, 2020, to an
14	individual under the system under this
15	subsection by a hospital with respect to
16	which payment has been reduced under
17	this subsection in accordance with the pro-
18	visions under section V.7.b. (relating to
19	OPPS payment rate for 340B purchased

1	drugs) of the final rule titled 'Medicare
2	Program: Hospital Outpatient Prospective
3	Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center
4	Payment Systems and Quality Reporting
5	Programs' published on November 13,
6	2017, in the Federal Register (82 FR
7	52495-52497), the copayment that shall
8	apply under this subsection with respect to
9	such drug shall be calculated based on
10	such reduced payment amount to such hos-
11	pital pursuant to such rule.
12	"(ii) Applicable covered out-
13	PATIENT DRUG.—For purposes of clause
14	(i), the term 'applicable covered outpatient
15	drug' is a covered outpatient drug—
16	"(I) that is subject to an agree-
17	ment under section 340B of the Pub-
18	lic Health Service Act; and
19	"(II) to which the provisions
20	under the section V.7.b described in
21	clause (i) apply.".
22	SEC. 602. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO 340B DRUG
23	DISCOUNT PROGRAM.
24	It is the sense of Congress that the purpose of the
25	drug discount program under section 340B of the Public

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- 1 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256b) is to lower out-of-
- 2 pocket drugs costs for low-income and uninsured individ-
- 3 uals.

